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Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :- "May I know whether the Government ascertained beforehand whether the externment was based on political grounds or personal grounds?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"No, Sir."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I enquire whether the Government thought it fit to respect the opinion of the Commissioner of Police rather than the opinion of the association of honorary magistrates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The Government attach more weight to the fact of externment than the opinion of this association."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I know whether the Government are going to respect the opinions of the Commissioner of Police or of the High Court of Madras?"

The hon. the President :—"The question does not arise."

*Alleged ill-treatment of Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti.*

* 1895-A *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti was made to walk from the Central Jail to the Rajahmundry railway station when he was transferred from Rajahmundry jail to Bellary jail;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he was also made to carry his clothing, bedding and other articles;

(*c*) what is the distance from the Central jail to the railway station; and why no conveyance was supplied for him and his articles to the railway station;

(*d*) what action the Government intend to take against the prison officials who treated Mr. Sambamurti like that; and

(*e*) what action the Government intend to take with regard to better treatment of political prisoners, in conformity with the opinion of the council as expressed in the cut motion on the subject carried by the council on 19th March 1929?

*A.*—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information but they have called for a report.

(*e*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—"May I know whether it was at midnight that Mr. Sambamurti was made to walk from the Central jail to the railway station?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"That is exactly what I have stated; I have called for information."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—"When was the information called for and when is it expected to come to Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Immediately after the receipt of the question and the information will come in the usual course."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—"May I know whether similar treatment as set out here has been meted out to any other political prisoner of the status and reputation of Mr. Sambamurti?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not know anything either way."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" With reference to (*e*), may I know when the Government will pass final orders with regard to the better treatment of political prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" After the receipt of the report called for."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" How long will it take ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I hope to get it in a reasonable time. I cannot specify the number of days."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Did they call for a report by telegram or by letter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" By letter."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Could they not call for it by telegram ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" A letter was sent."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether the Government do not read newspapers at all ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Government generally are not prepared to take action on newspaper reports."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" In answer to clauses (*a*) to (*d*), the Government say that they have no information. In the answer to clause (*e*) it is stated the matter is under consideration. When they have no information what is it that is under consideration ? "

The hon. the President :—" The question is not admissible."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" May I know whether this consideration regarding the treatment of political prisoners will be effected very shortly, so that political prisoners now undergoing their term may get the benefit of it ? "

*The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, Sir ; I shall dispose of the question soon."

## State Prisoners

*Release of Chettali Beeyumma.*

* 1896 *Q.*—Mr. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any petition from Chettali Beeyumma recently through the Collector of South Kanara ;

(*b*) if so, whether she has asked in her petition the increase of her allowance in case the Government is satisfied after her examination by a doctor that she cannot remain alone without the help of a servant ;

(*c*) whether she agrees in the petition to give any undertaking required by Government if she is to be released ; and

(*d*) what action Government propose to take on the petition ?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes, one dated 6th December 1928.

(*b*) She did not ask for an increase of allowance,